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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Demand remains limited. No sales of whole birds reported. Many industry members were starting to focus on markets for the November holidays. Fill-in trading for prompt shipments slow. Offerings adequate to fully adequate. Demand light to moderate on parts.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading slow and centered on tom drums. Demand light to moderate with inquiry noted from Asia, Caribbean, Mexico, Russia Central America. Offerings light to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **JANUARY 26, 2006**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	68	68.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	66-68	68	68.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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WESTERN REGION 5/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
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CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF JAN 27, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	66.90 **	68.25	67.00 **
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	67.00 **	66.00 **
WESTERN REGION	67.50 **	67.50 **	68.00 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	66.90 **	68.25	63.50 **
CENTRAL REGION	68.00	67.00 **	62.50 **
WESTERN REGION	67.50 **	67.50 **	64.00 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	69-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-81

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	104-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-129

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS

(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Jan 30, 2005

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
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PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	83.44	252,000
16-24 lbs.	85.00	20,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	20,000
16-24 lbs.	--	5,000

Total Volume:	297,500
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TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 21-Jan-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG	
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
North East	878	18	32.23	(A)	880	32.23
South Atlantic	628	3	35.82	(A)	629	35.82
North Central	1,909	-1	34.81	(A)	1,910	34.81
South Central	706	6	18.93	(A)	707	18.93
West	241	22	27.00	(A)	242	27.00
U.S. total	4,362(B)	5	31.44	6	4,368	31.44

To-date

2006 11,808(B) 22 11,830

To-date

2005 12,464(B) 20 12,484

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date 74,000; for last year to date 108,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

December	415,671*
January 1 - 21, 2006	286,686*

To date 2006 286,686*

To date 2005 305,032*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
W/E 21-Jan-2006					
Head	1,504	2,830	28	6	4,368
Avg Wt	15.62	39.89	26.04	37.06	31.44
Last week	1,687	2,439	31	4	4,161
Same wk yr ago	1,541	2,493	29	2	4,065
Avg Wt	15.84	39.60	24.40	32.06	28.29
To-date/2006	4,499	7,235	74	22	11,830
To-date/2005	4,809	7,547	108	20	12,484

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT. INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 JANUARY 2006.

The market tone on tom drums and necks was steady to fully steady, tom full-cut wings mostly steady and tom 2-joint wings steady to barely steady. Demand on tom drums moderate to good, tom necks moderate, tom full-cut wings light to moderate, tom 2-joint wings light. Some buyer inquiry going unfilled due to industry members attending a major poultry convention. Offerings of tom drums and necks light, tom full-cut wings generally adequate, tom 2-joint wings adequate to ample. The market tone on non-Russian thigh meat was mostly steady with some spot weakness noted on mixed hen and tom. Demand slow for the light to adequate offerings. Trading was active on plant grade 4-8 lb. breasts at 99 cents delivered for current through deferred shipments and on fresh tom breast meat at steady to lower trending price levels, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 75, fresh breast trim 138 cents delivered. Fresh tom drums traded at 40 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	115.00		115.00	6
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		M	145.00	13
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	99.00-104.00		101.78	180
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	39.00	160
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	40.00		40.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN				
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		W	23.04	83
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	42.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	111.00	20
NECKS, TOM	33.00		33.00	40
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	173.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	164.00-171.00		167.71	280
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	96.89	90
BREAST TRIM MEAT	128.00		128.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	108.00-109.00		108.67	120
TENDERLOINS		F	167.27	22
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	170.00		170.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	170.00-172.00		171.70	94
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	70.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	21.00		21.00	240
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	38.50-41.00		39.97	184
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	20.00		20.00	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		W	34.00	15
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	88.00		88.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom breast meat, destrapped tenderloins and breast trim was steady to instances weak; scapula and wing meat with skin steady. Demand light to moderate. Offerings of wing meat with skin and scapula light to adequate, balance of white meat adequate to ample. The market tone on 4-8 lb. breasts steady to instances weak. Demand light to instances moderate with some noting improved activity. Offerings in a full range, mostly adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on institutional breasts was mostly steady. Demand light. Offerings short to fully adequate, mostly adequate with supplies not as tight as previous weeks. Trading moderate on Grade A 4-8 lb. breasts, light to moderate on tom breast meat, balance slow. For domestic: fresh wing meat with skin 75, fresh scapula 113-115 mostly 113, Grade A basted 8-10 lb. breasts 135 and 12-16 lb. breasts 160 cents delivered. For export (fresh): -20% mechanically separated turkey 21, tom drums 38-39, thigh meat 95 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	
					WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	113.00-115.00		113.40	400	113.42	406
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		M	145.00	13	145.00	13
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	101.78	180	101.78	180
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00		39.00	10	39.00	170
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	38.00-45.00		39.57	137	39.67	177
DRUMSTICKS, HEN						
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	20	23.24	263
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		M	29.00	20	29.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	42.00	6	42.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	111.00	20		
NECKS, TOM	32.00-33.00		32.27	74	32.41	330
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	169.00-170.00		169.65	62	169.65	62
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	167.00-171.00		168.36	280	169.24	760
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00		96.00	10	96.00	10
BREAST TRIM MEAT		R	128.00	40	134.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT	107.00		107.00	40	108.25	160
TENDERLOINS		F	167.27	22		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	170.00	80	170.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	70.00		70.00	6	68.79	66
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	168.00-170.00		168.26	46	170.57	140
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		M	20.00	40	20.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	19.00-21.00		20.06	64	20.84	384
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	41.00		41.00	104	40.37	402
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		R	20.00	52	20.53	60
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		W	34.00	15	34.00	15
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	104		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	88.00	52	93.08	471

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